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Lord knows What,

BY

The Lord knows Who.

As in gay Fables, Morals are convey'd;
So Truth may beſt in jeſting Terms be ſaid.

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THE Lord knows what may become of this Performance, if any ignorant Levites *take it to themſelves, and ſo bring it into their Reverend Noddles to complain of it; but to ſave them all the Trouble that lies in my Power, I will plead Guilty, provided they allow me the Benefit of the Clergy.*

But to anſwer my Title Page, I am to inform my courteous Reader, that it is borrow'd from a ſmall Piece that was publiſh'd towards the Cloſe of the late Reign. I am confident the Author will not be angry with me on this Occaſion. We have every Day ſuch Schemes and Tranſactions, that the Lord knows what will become of us.

And now, gentle Reader, whoever thou art, or by what Title ſo ever dignify'd or diſtinguiſh'd, whether you be Male or Female, Spiritual or Temporal; Whether you are the Reverend Brokers in the C——h, the Honourable Brokers in the State, or the Honeſt Brokers in Change-Alley; *Whether you live by an honeſt Profeſſion, or get your Money by Roaring: Whatſoever Denomination you are, attend and liſten to what I have to ſay to you.*

I had a great Mind to write ſomething, I did not well know what; and I think I could not give my Work a better Title than what ſtands at the Top of my Page. Thus much for the Introduction; now to the Point.

IF a great powerful Nation ſhould make good an old Saying, that they loſe by Treaties what they gain by the Sword, the Lord knows how they would be laugh'd at both at Home and Abroad.

If a certain Place, of the utmoſt Importance to our Trade, ſhould be deliver'd up to a certain Monarch, the Lord knows what is the Cauſe thereof.

If *Spain*, to reward the *Dutch*, ſhould take their Ships and ſpoil their Trade, the Lord knows whether they would accede to the Quadruple Alliance.

If the Parſons are ſo proud, ſome of them ſo lewd, others ſo ignorant, and moſt of them ſo ſuperſtitious, the Lord knows what will become of the beſt conſtituted C——h in the World.

If ſome of the Orthodox Clergy, who are Pillars of the C——h, reel ſo often, the Lord knows what will become of the C——h it ſelf; it may be well ſaid to be in a tottering Condition.

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If Monſieur, the Chevalier *de St. George*, ſhould have the Good Luck to be King of the Heathens, the Lord knows whether his *Mooriſh* Majeſty will be pleaſed to come to Terms with us in *Great-Britain*.

If *South-Sea* Stock continues on the Fall, the Lord knows what will become of ſome Great Men.

If the P —— t ſhould remove this Winter from *Weſtminſter* to *Change-Alley*, the Lord knows what a full Houſe they will have. I believe they need not be called over.

If this Movement ſhould be made, the Lord knows whether the Eccleſiaſtical Fathers will attend the Service of the Houſe; and if they do, whether they will *cry aloud and ſpare not*.

If the *Holbourn-Hill* Doctor bought Garments for a B —— p upwards of Six Years ago, the Lord knows when he will have Occaſion to uſe them.

If ſome dead Bodies were, many Years ago, exchang'd in their Coffins, the Lord knows whether it was *Oliver Cromwel*'s that was bury'd under the Gallows.

If the Pope, as 'tis very ſtrongly reported, has, for many Years, been troubled with an ill Diſeaſe, he will have the Lord knows what to do to get cur'd. I believe the moſt infallible Way is to get a Surgeon.

If his Holineſs, notwithſtanding his Infallibility, ſhould die, the Lord knows whether Cardinal *Alberoni* will ſucceed him; and if he does, whether ſome Catholick Princes will go bare-foot to *Rome* to kiſs his Eminency's Toe?

If the *Czar* ſhould refuſe the Mediation of the King of *Great-Britain*, the Lord knows when he will have it offered to him again: I believe he will be glad, in a ſhort time, to accept it.

If the Proteſtants abroad ſhould obtain a Redreſs of their Grievances, they will owe the Lord knows what to the Mediation and Interpoſition of his *Britannick* Majeſty.

If it is (as ſome of our Parſons ſay) a damnable Sin to reſiſt upon any Pretence whatſoever, the Lord knows what a miſerable State we and moſt Part of the World had been in. I think the Lord have Mercy upon us, ought to have been written on our Doors.

If the Earl of *Ox——d* ſhould be made Lord Treaſ——r, he will make the Lord knows what Work in the *Ex —— r*.

If the Con —— n ſhould meet this Winter to take into their ſerious Conſideration, the divided State of the C—— h, as by Law Eſtabliſhed, they would have the Lord knows what to do; for 'tis thought by ſome, they do not know themſelves. I believe Dr. *Stan——e*, for his eminent Services, will be rechoſen Prolocutor.

If the Pretendreſs ſhould have a Boy, the Lord knows whether it will come in the Hereditary Line of a Warming Pan. I believe he will have a light Pair of Heels; and if he be as nimble as his Dad, he may ſerve in Time for the Pope's Running Footman.

If any ſtrong Back Cardinal has had ſuch an orthodox Zeal for his Friends in *England*, as to aſſiſt his Pretenderſhip in ſo Catholick a Cauſe, he will have the Lord knows what Thanks for his Pains, and Ten Thouſand Maſſes put up for his Soul after he is dead.

If ſome People are againſt roaſting the young hot headed *Ox——d* Clergymen; I am ſure baſting them, would do the Lord knows what Service to the C——h.

If our Uni——s are ſo corrupted with Diſloyalty and Ignorance, a Royal Viſitation would do the Lord knows what good.

If the Preſent is not a proper Time to redreſs Grievances, the Lord knows when it will be. Perhaps ſome will never think any Time proper.

If the B—— of *B——r* ſhould write any new Defence of Liberty, the Lord knows whether he will be anſwer'd. If he ſhould, I believe it will be by ſome Dablers in Divinity, who will over-power him with the Lord knows what Arguments drawn from the Fathers, Church Authority, and the Lord knows what elſe of the ſame Commodity.

If Dr. *Sherlock* ſhould vouchſafe to anſwer Mr. *Sykes*, Dr. *Snape* write without Scandal, Dr. *Hare* be made a B——p, there will be the Lord knows what Alteration in all their Conditions.

If ſome were worth a Million or more a few Weeks ago, the Lord knows what they are worth now.

If a certain Man in the C——h, a few Days after the Inundation in the *South-Sea* Stock, preach'd upon that Text in the *Revelations*; *The Devil is come down unto you, having great Wrath, becauſe he knoweth his Time is ſhort*; the Lord knows whether he made a right Application.

If a certain Prelate, upon hearing one of his Brethren ſpeaking of the Difference between the Apoſtles and Succeſſors in our Days, burſt out in Rapture, and ſaid Projectors were always Bankrupts; the Lord knows whether he came in an uninterrupted Succeſſion from them.

If the *F—h* K—g ſhould happen to die, the Lord knows who will ſucceed him.

If Mr. *Law* continues many Months longer in *France*, the Lord knows what Death he may die.

If Fifty New Coaches were making for thoſe who got *South-Sea* and *Bubble* Eſtates, the Lord knows whether they will have the ſame Fate as the Fifty New Churches.

If this P—— ——t ſhould be diſſolv'd, and a New One call'd, the Lord knows what a One we ſhall have next.

If the Four Members for a certain Place, at their Election, promiſed to vote for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt, and when it came to a Pinch, only One of them voted for it, Two againſt it, and One run away; the Lord knows whether their wiſe Fellow-Citizens will chuſe Three of them again.

If it be judged Neceſſary for the further Security of the C——h, to conſtitute more B — pricks; the Lord knows whether it will not be neceſſary that *Change-Alley* ſhould be one of them; 'tis hop'd they'll get an eminent Broker to repreſent that vaſt Body.

If it be thought convenient, for the Peace of the C——h, that an Agreement be made between the Jobbers belonging to that Order, and *Change Alley*, the Lord knows what Good may be done by uniting both theſe honeſt Profeſſions into one Undertaking.

If a Bill ſhould be brought in for the Repeal of the Sacramental-Teſt, the Lord knows what a bawling the Ambaſſadors would make againſt it, unleſs their Throats and Pockets are well cram'd.

If the Lawyers ſhould not have a good Trade this Term, the Lord knows when they will; and if they are not honeſter to their Clients, than the Popiſh Clergy are to their Followers, the Lord knows what will become of their Cauſe and Money.

If the Pockets of the Laity, were to hold out as long as the Clergy in ſome Countries, would demand their Tithes, and other Perquiſites, the Lord knows how long they muſt be, and what a Burden they would be to us; I believe they muſt reach from *Rome* to *L——th.*

If the Popiſh B——ps were like thoſe in the Apoſtles Days, the Lord knows what would become of Coaches and Six, Square Caps, Pieces of Lawn, and other Utenſils; I believe the beſt way would be to diſpoſe of them by Inch of Candle.

If it be Orthodox to have a Coach and Six, the Lord knows with what unwearied Diligence I labour after it; and by the Sale of this Paper among all Orthodox Chriſtians, I hope my Deſires will be perfected.

AND now, that I have given my courteous Reader ſeveral looſe and incoherent Thoughts, which coming freely into my Head, were as freely ſent out of it; the Lord knows what will be the Conſequence of it.

If it ſhould happen to pleaſe the Town, as it has a Title to it that is in ſome Meaſure Whimſical, and ſo the moſt likely to take, when People's Heads are full of Chimeras and Caſtles in the Air; the Lord knows what I may write next.

If through an ill Taſte of the Town, their Averſion to Truth ſhould appear, in that it won't take, the Lord knows what my Bookſeller will ſay to me, who at preſent has great hopes of it.

In ſhort, I beg all my Readers to like it; and, it being uſual now-a-Days to act againſt one's Conſcience, to commend it, tho' they diſlike it; the Clergy may oblige me in a particular manner, by ſpeaking of it in the Pulpits, and recommending the Peruſal of it to their Hearers; for being ſomething vain, their Applauſe will do me the Lord knows what Kindneſs and Pleaſure. And ſo good buy.

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